MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MARIA CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

DECEMBER 2, 2014

INVOCATION:
Pastor Gary Hansen of Grace Lutheran Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Orach led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Boysen, Green, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Haydon, City Attorney Trujillo, Director of Community Development Appel, Deputy City Manager Barnhard, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kahn, Police Chief Martin, Fire Chief Orr, Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, Interim Utilities Engineer Springer, Director of Utilities Sweet, Deputy City Manager Tse, Director of Administrative Services Visé, Community Programs Manager Coelho-Hudson, Utilities Services Manager Long, and Deputy City Clerk Cleary.

1. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS:

A. RETIREMENT OF BUILDING DIVISION MANAGER
Mayor Patino presented Resolution No. 2014-134 recognizing and commending Building Division Manager Robert L. Marshall for his 12 years of service with the City of Santa Maria, and congratulating him on his retirement.

Resolution No. 2014-134 was adopted on motion by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote (5-0):

AYES:	Councilmembers Boysen, Green, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Resolution No. 2014-134 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, COMMENDING ROBERT L. MARSHALL, BUILDING DIVISION MANAGER FOR HIS 12 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

Building Division Manager Marshall thanked everyone for their recognition and said he will always be proud of his time with the City.

Community Development Director Appel, Councilmember Boysen, and City Manager Haydon each thanked Mr. Marshall for his years of service citing his remarkable ability to handle sensitive issues in a manner that worked for all parties.

B. RETIREMENT OF DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES
Councilmember Orach presented Resolution No. 2014-135 recognizing and commending Director of Utilities Richard G. Sweet for more than 28 years of service to the City of Santa Maria.

Resolution No. 2014-135 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Mayor Patino, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES:	Councilmembers Boysen, Green, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Resolution No. 2014-135 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, COMMENDING DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES, RICHARD G. SWEET, FOR HIS 28 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE

Utilities Director Sweet expressed his appreciation to the City of Santa Maria for 28 very fulfilling years. Councilmember Orach recalled the State Water project and Mr. Sweet's role in ensuring a safe, adequate supply of water to the City.

City Manager Haydon stated Mr. Sweet's history with the City began with 20 years in the Public Works Department and ended with eight years in the Utilities Department. He went on to recognize many projects completed under Mr. Sweet's tenure including the funding for the Santa Maria Levee; the recycling program; the annexed land west of the City for expansion of the waste water treatment plant; the additional land for the Humane Society; the 1,700 acres of Los Flores Ranch property; and the City's ability to keep up with a growing population.

Councilmembers Boysen, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino each recognized Mr. Sweet for his work with the Central Coast Water Authority and the wealth of knowledge he brought to the City.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:
Virginia Rice, Angela Reynoso, and Robert Reynoso, representing the Westside Little League, spoke about Oakley Park. They said they appreciated the funding that has been set aside for renovations in Oakley Park, but they were concerned that park development may commence at the same time Little League season would be starting.

Recreation and Parks Director Posada responded saying a plan has been submitted to the National Little League Association. He stated an arrangement was being made that would allow Westside to play with Southside at Simas Park during the renovation of Oakley Park. The $1.3 million renovation project is expected to be finished by the end of 2015. Once completed, Oakley Park will have two brand new ball fields, new concession stands, and updated restrooms. As the project was funded with Community Development Block Grant funding, the financing needs to be used in a timely manner, and delaying the project is not an option.

Rosalie Santana spoke in opposition to the proposed rate increase for solid waste services each January 1st over the next three years.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:
Consent Calendar Items 3A through 3N were approved on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Orach, Green, Boysen, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of November 18, 2014, were approved as submitted.

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE AMENDMENT
Resolution No. 2014-136 was adopted approving revisions to the Citywide Records Retention Schedule contained in the adopted Document Management Program.

Resolution No. 2014-136 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE CITYWIDE RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE.

D. MERIT STEP INCREASE AND ASSOCIATED COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS
Resolution No. 2014-137 and No. 2014-138 were adopted approving a merit step increase and associated compensation adjustments for the City Manager and modifying the City Attorney's employment agreement as it relates to outside employment and providing him with a compensation adjustment.

Resolution No. 2014-137 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A MERIT STEP INCREASE AND ASSOCIATED COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE CITY MANAGER.

Resolution No. 2014-138 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY AND MODIFYING HIS EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT.

E. WARRANTS

Warrant Nos. 189947 to 190193 totaling $1,215,301.66 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant Nos. 181841, 184928, 185027, 189242, and 189823 were cancelled.

F. PAYROLL

Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

G. GROWTH MITIGATION ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

The City Council received and filed the Growth Mitigation Annual Compliance Report.

H. CENTRAL COAST COLLABORATIVE ON HOMELESSNESS

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2014-139 approving the Central Coast Collaborative on Homelessness (C3H) Sponsors and Host Agency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and authorizing the City Manager to execute the MOU on behalf of the City of Santa Maria as a sponsor.

Resolution No. 2014-139 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE CENTRAL COAST COLLABORATIVE ON HOMELESSNESS (C3H) SPONSORS AND HOST AGENCY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA AS A SPONSOR SUBJECT TO CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL AS TO FORM.

I. ACHIEVEMENT HOUSE SNACK BAR SERVICES AT TRANSIT CENTER

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2014-140 approving Amendment No. 2 of the agreement that allows Achievement House, Inc., to provide snack bar concession services at the Intermodal Transit Center and provide for an annual increase in rent to the City.

Resolution No. 2014-140 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 2 THAT ALLOWS ACHIEVEMENT HOUSE, INC., TO PROVIDE SNACK BAR CONCESSION SERVICES AT THE INTERMODAL TRANSIT CENTER.

J. AWARD OF BID – PAUL NELSON POOL RENOVATION

Resolution No. 2014-141 was adopted awarding the bid and approving a contract with California Commercial Pools, Inc., for the Paul Nelson Pool Renovation Project, Bid. No. 2015/02, in the amount of $215,000.

Resolution No. 2014-141 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL POOLS, INC., FOR BID NO. 2015/02, PAUL NELSON POOL RENOVATION.

K. JIM MAY BIOFILTER PROJECT – PROPOSITION 84 GRANT FUNDING

Resolution No. 2014-142 was adopted authorizing the Director of Utilities to execute the agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the State Water Resources Control Board to receive Proposition 84 Agricultural Water Quality Grant Program funding for the Central Coast Irrigation and Nutrient Management Program, Santa Maria Watershed, aka Jim May Biofilter Project.

Resolution No. 2014-142 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD TO RECEIVE PROPOSITION 84 AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE CENTRAL COAST IRRIGATION AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, SANTA MARIA WATERSHED.

L. ORDINANCE – SOLID WASTE SERVICE FEES
The City Council conducted the second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2014-09 approving annual three percent increases for solid waste service fees each January 1, for the years 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Ordinance No. 2014-09 adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, RELATING TO THREE PERCENT SOLID WASTE RATE INCREASES ANNUALLY EACH JANUARY 1 FOR YEARS 2015, 2016, AND 2017.

M. LABOR COMPLIANCE PROGRAM – PROPOSITION 84 GRANT FUNDING
Resolution No. 2014-143 was adopted authorizing the Director of Utilities to apply the City of Santa Maria Labor Compliance Program to any City of Santa Maria project financed by Proposition 84 grant funding.

Resolution No. 2014-143 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A LABOR COMPLIANCE PROGRAM FOR ALL PROJECTS FINANCED BY PROPOSITION 84 GRANT FUNDING.

N. CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY PURCHASE AGREEMENT
Resolution No. 2014-144 was adopted approving a water purchase representation agreement with the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) to purchase 1,000 acre feet of water.

Resolution No. 2014-144 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, EXECUTING A WATER PURCHASE REPRESENTATION AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY FOR 2015.

PRESENTATIONS

4. PRESENTATION BY THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
California Highway Patrol (CHP) Chief Tracy Sturges presented the 2013 Special Recognition Award to the Santa Maria Police Department (SMPD) who recently participated in the California Law Enforcement Challenge - a competition between similar size and type of law enforcement agencies for the best traffic safety programs in California. Through Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) funding, the SMPD has been able to conduct saturation patrols concentrating on distracted drivers, work with local media to broadcast cell phone safety messages, and team up with the District Attorney's Office to create a Traffic Safety Awareness Memorial Walk to honor victims of traffic collisions. The award was presented in recognition of the Department's commitment toward increasing compliance with occupant protection laws, removing impaired drivers from roadways, and increasing speed awareness. Chief Sturges added that this was the fourth California Law Enforcement Challenge award the City of Santa Maria has received.

Police Chief Martin accepted the award on behalf of the Department acknowledging Sergeant Mark Steker, Officers Ron Murillo, Todd Logan, and Ray Easter. He stated that the Department was making serious strides in taking distracted drivers off the road and, thanks to Measure U funding, the Department was planning to double the number of traffic officers available by April 2015. He thanked the CHP for their continued collaboration.

Councilmember Zuniga asked for examples of projects that have helped increase driver awareness and safety.

Chief Martin responded that OTS grants about $385,000 a year to the Department. He went on to say the Department has been doing many public service announcements (PSA) and saturation patrols as part of their efforts. Sergeant Streker thanked his team for their hard work in the field and added that one of the recent PSAs regarding texting while walking was just beginning to be aired.

5. PRESENTATION BY THE CENTRAL COAST COLLABORATIVE ON HOMELESSNESS (C3H)
Jeff Shaffer and Zahra Nahar-Moore, C3H Community Coordinator and C3H Interim Director, respectively, presented the organization's annual report. The C3H is a centralized planning body that works in partnership with service providers to reduce homelessness in Santa Barbara County. Goals of the organization include expanding affordable housing for families; engaging more volunteers to do outreach in shelters and on the streets; obtaining more data on people experiencing homelessness; engaging faith communities in solutions to address homelessness; and engaging with the U.S. Interagency Council on a Homelessness Strategic Plan to end homelessness by 2020.

Ms. Nahar-Moore thanked the City of Santa Maria for their financial support, Councilmembers Boysen and Zuniga for their participation on the C3H Policy Council, and Celeste Coelho-Hudson for serving on the Coordination Committee. The Policy Council meets six to eight times a year to direct planning efforts and provide support for C3H staff. The Continuum of Care Board is a group designated by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The jurisdiction for the local Continuum of Care group is the entire County of Santa Barbara. C3H staff are responsible for carrying out the requirements of Federal legislation addressing homeless issues in order to ensure continued funding for the program, which amounts to about $1.6 million annually.

Recent C3H work in support of creating the required structure for the Continuum of Care program includes establishing a governance chart or operations manual, convening the Continuum of Care Board of 13 Service Providers, working with the County of Santa Barbara to manage the process of reviewing applications for Continuum of Care and State emergency services funding, and organizing Registry Week. Staff is also responsible for working with Continuum of Care members in a supporting role.

The Coordination Committee is made up of executive level service providers who handle resource allocation within the organization and engage in case-study discussions that are facilitated by C3H staff. There are four local Regional Coordination groups: 1) Santa Maria; 2) Lompoc; 3) a single group comprised of Buellton, Solvang, Santa Ynez Valley; and 4) Santa Barbara.

Councilmember Green asked about the accuracy of determining the number of homeless people in the area.

Ms. Nahar-Moore stated a point-in-time count being launched for two nights at the end of January 2015 will help to more specifically identify the number of homeless persons.

Councilmember Orach asked if the group was succeeding in making their homeless prevention program work.

Ms. Nahar-Moore replied that Santa Maria has placed 195 homeless individuals and/or families in the last 18 months. She also emphasized that a large component of C3H efforts focus on prevention of homelessness.

Jeff Shafer, Community Coordinator for C3H, spoke about registry week. Every two years, as required by HUD, more than 500 volunteers take a homeless census over a 48-hour period. These statistics, combined with the Vulnerability Index (VI) that determines a homeless individual's or family's risk of premature mortality due to their situation, help C3H compile results of their surveys. The training date for volunteers will be January 21, 2015. The dates this for registry week will be January 28 and 29. Volunteers will actually be using an application on their phones to help expedite the process.

Mayor Patino asked how the group would go about housing the homeless. Ms. Nahar-Moore stated the landlord liaison program is designed to cultivate relationships with landlords and help create incentives to assist people who are transitioning out of a homeless situation. The landlord is given a regular point of contact as a resource to call for help. Funds are available to help homeless clients move in. A person living on the streets then has a wrap-around team of people to support them during their recovery. If the tenant damages the unit, the landlord can request risk-reduction funding to help with repairs.

Mayor Patino asked what portion of the $1.6 million in federal funding comes directly to Santa Maria. Ms. Nahar-Moore replied Good Samaritan Shelter was receiving a portion of the federal funding, but she was did not know the exact amount.

Councilmember Boysen stated that, through his organization's outreach work, he has learned many homeless people actually do have homes but suffer from mental health problems. He explained C3H and other community organizations are collaborating to end homelessness, but there may never be a method to end mental health problems.

Councilmember Zuniga offered to put C3H in touch with a local business owner who recently closed her business. She asked for more specifics about the 195 homeless who were placed over the last 18 months. And she asked if C3H had any plans for a community day center for homeless people.

Ms. Nahar-Moore replied the City of Santa Barbara tried a day center for homeless people, but the center did not succeed as the homeless were not using it. She stated she was unsure about the success rate for day centers.

Councilmember Green asked if it would be possible for Council to receive a copy of the notes from a recent C3H meeting.

Councilmember Orach stated he had recently attended a Workforce Investment Board presentation by the County. He suggested C3H speak with the group about possible collaboration.

5. CALPERS EXCEPTION TO THE 180-DAY WAIT PERIOD. City Manager Haydon gave a presentation as detailed in the written Council Agenda Report. One of the provisions of the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 governs post-retirement employment for retirees. CalPERS retirees must wait 180 days pursuant to Government Code sections 7522.56 and 21224 before they can be rehired by a CalPERS employer provided the work is of a limited duration in a retired annuitant-designated position, the time worked is 960 hours or less in a fiscal year, hourly pay is within the salary schedule for the position, and no additional compensation or benefits are paid.

One exception to these rules allows an employer to employ a recent retiree before the expiration of the 180-day wait period if the governing body certifies through the adoption of a resolution that the appointment is necessary to fill a critical need position, prior to the expiration of the 180-day wait period. Staff is requesting that City Council allow Mr. Rick Sweet, retiring Utilities Director, to stay on as a retired annuitant to perform the duties of Project Manager for the City of Santa Maria, effective December 15, 2014. Mr. Sweet would be working on the following critical projects: water sales agreements, telecommunication projects (cell towers at Los Flores Ranch and the new radio system for the Police Department), and the fiber optic project.

Public input.
There were no requests to speak.

Council discussion.
There was no Council discussion.

Resolution No. 2014-145 was adopted approving a resolution for the CalPERS exception to the 180-day wait period, pursuant to Government Code Sections 7522.56 and 21224 on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, and carried on the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Boysen, Green, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Resolution No. 2014-145 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A RESOLUTION FOR THE CALPERS EXCEPTION TO THE 180-DAY WAIT PERIOD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 7522.56 AND 21224.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER:
City Manager Haydon reported on items for the December 16, 2014 meeting to include retirement resolutions for Battalion Chief Rick Bertram and Sergeant Chris Nartatez; the Recreation and Parks 2014 Lights, Sights, and Holiday Nights awards presentation; the Certification of the Election and Installation of the new Councilmembers; the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem; and a status report on the Office of Independent Review progress.

City Manager Haydon asked Mr. Sweet to provide an update on the rain fall during the last 24 hours, and if there had been any impact on the storm drain system.

Mr. Sweet stated there had been minor flooding and a couple of blockages due to trees, but there was no build-up of water causing any problems with the storm drains.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS):
Councilmember Boysen stated he had nothing to report.

Councilmember Green reported that he attended the badge pinning of Sergeant Jeff Lopez.

Councilmember Orach reported that he attended a Workforce Investment Board Santa Maria presentation in Lompoc.

Councilmember Zuniga reported that she volunteered for the Good Samaritan Turkey Drive, the Rescue Mission Thanksgiving Event at the Veterans' Memorial Building, and the Badge Pinning for Jeff Lopez.

Mayor Patino reported that she attended Santa Barbara County Association of Governments monthly Board meeting; the Air Pollution Control District Board meeting; a Forum at Alan Hancock on Human Trafficking; the Altrusa of the Central Coast Chamber mixer; the Tri-County Radio Voice and Data Interoperability Summit; a meeting with the American Legion; delivered the welcome address for the harvest banquet; spoke on the Ben Heighes Show; and attended the badge pinning for Sergeant Jeff Lopez.

CLOSED SESSION:
The City Council recessed at 8:13 p.m. to a Closed Session regarding 1) Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to 54957.6 of the Government Code, Agency Representative: Deputy City Manager, Employee Organizations: Employee Organizations: Santa Maria Police Officers Assoc. (SMPOA); Santa Maria Fire Fighters Union Local 2020; Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 620; Public Safety Managers; Santa Maria Police Association of Middle Management (SMPAMM); and Non-Represented Management and Confidential Employees; and 2) Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 Subdivision (d)(1), Anjanette Ordonez v. City of Santa Maria.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT:
Following the Closed Session, the City Attorney reported that there was no reportable action for either item.

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

December 16, 2014
Date

M. Beth Cleary
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Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria
and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

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Mayor of the City of Santa Maria

ATTEST:

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